

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

15 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Appreciation.

TO:

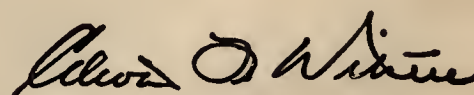
Jack Harding Gardner, O-520497, 1st Lt., AC
Route #2, Box #96,
Gridley, California

1. It is desired to express to you the appreciation of the War Department for your continued service to National Defense by your acceptance of an appointment as an officer in the Reserve Corps. Your aid and that of the other veteran officers who, like you, are displaying an active interest by remaining in the Reserve will be invaluable in building and maintaining a sound and effective postwar Army. You and your comrades by your counsel, your leadership, and your wholesome influence on public opinion may well make the difference between mediocrity and complete success.

2. AR 140-5 and the other Army Regulations governing the Officers' Reserve Corps necessarily will be revised to conform with such statutes as may be enacted to govern the postwar Army. The revised regulations and other information concerning the Officers' Reserve Corps will be made available in the future.

3. As soon as the press of work permits, a formal commission evidencing your appointment will be mailed to you.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:



EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General

ARMY AIR FORCES
Certificate of Appreciation
FOR WAR SERVICE



TO

Jack H. Gardner

I CANNOT meet you personally to thank you for a job well done; nor can I hope to put in written words the great hope I have for your success in future life.

Together we built the striking force that swept the Luftwaffe from the skies and broke the German power to resist. The total might of that striking force was then unleashed upon the Japanese. Although you no longer play an active military part, the contribution you made to the Air Forces was essential in making us the greatest team in the world.

The ties that bound us under stress of combat must not be broken in peacetime. Together we share the responsibility for guarding our country in the air. We who stay will never forget the part you have played while in uniform. We know you will continue to play a comparable role as a civilian. As our ways part, let me wish you God speed and the best of luck on your road in life. Our gratitude and respect go with you.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Commanding General.

COMMANDING GENERAL
ARMY AIR FORCES

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The Commanding General
Army Air Forces
extends the gratitude of the
**UNITED STATES
ARMY AIR FORCES**
to

1ST LT JACK H. GARDNER, O 520 497 AC

*Whose wholehearted and sincere services contributed
to the successful prosecution of World War II against those
who sought to subjugate the civilized world.*

Jerome H. Cribbs
JEROME H. CRIBBS
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W. H. Arnold
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES